

**State and County Central Committees
(Political Party Committees) – Q&A**

2006 Elections

Q: Must a committee that files the online independent expenditure report within 24 hours during the 90 days prior to an election also file the Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (Form 465)?

A: Yes. The online independent expenditure report does not replace, but is in addition to, the supplemental independent expenditure report.

Q: Must a Form 465 be filed if an independent expenditure supports or opposes multiple candidates or measures?

A: Yes, but only if \$1,000 or more was expended to support or oppose each candidate or measure in the independent expenditure. A separate Form 465 must be filed for each candidate or measure supported or opposed.

Q: A county political party committee domiciled in Sacramento County makes independent expenditures on October 23, 2006, to support a candidate in Santa Cruz County and a candidate for State Assembly in Monterey County. The committee spends \$1,500 on each of the candidates. When and where does the committee file Form 465?

A: The committee must file a separate Form 465 for each candidate by the January 31, 2007, filing deadline, as if it were primarily formed to support each candidate. The Form 465 for the candidate in Santa Cruz County must be filed with the County of Santa Cruz (original and one copy), and two copies with the County of Sacramento, the committee's county of domicile.

The Form 465 for the Assembly candidate must be filed with the Secretary of State (original and one copy and, if required, electronically), two copies with the county with the largest number of voters in the candidate's district, and two copies with the County of Sacramento, the committee's county of domicile.

Q: Must a political party committee file a pre-election report if it receives less than \$1,000 in contributions and only makes contributions to other general purpose committees, or is the report required only if contributions are made to candidates or ballot measure committees being voted on in the election?

A: A pre-election report is required if the committee makes contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more to support or oppose **any** candidates, ballot measures, or committees during the pre-election reporting period.